

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0619) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Supervision and Welfare of Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors - Would you provide details about what targeted support/transitional care arrangements are available for young people on bridging visas and in community detention who are turning 18?

*Answer:*

It is current policy that unaccompanied minors (UAMs) are not placed in the community on bridging visas.

Where appropriate, UAMs are placed in supported community detention arrangements. UAMs who turn 18 are usually placed in young adult share houses. These young people are assisted to engage in the community with local cultural and religious groups and are provided with information regarding budgeting, food skills, community services and household maintenance.